

# FRANCOPHONE INSTITUTIONS

## B) The Conference of Youth and Sports Ministers



Created in 1969 by participants with a common desire to establish a policy to promote and protect youth, the Conference of Youth and

Sports Ministers (CONFESJES) now includes 26 countries. For a number of years, the CONFESJES has been using a major annual action program to focus on the training of instructors and group leaders in the sports and youth sectors.



It has also made a significant contribution to the implementation of major Francophone policies for promoting the social and economic integration of young people. In fact, a fund was recently created for this purpose. As in the case of CONFEMEN, the Canadian delegation includes representatives of Quebec, New Brunswick, Ontario and Manitoba.

In September 1987, the heads of state and government met in Quebec City for the second Summit, at which time they established the Francophone Games, for which the CONFESJES was given chief organizational responsibility. The inaugural games were held in Morocco in the summer of 1989.

The first Francophone Games were quite successful. Delegations of artists and athletes from 39 countries took part in the first Games. Forty national athletic records and the production of original, noteworthy works of art provided tangible evidence that La Francophonie is dynamic, rich and full of promise.

